GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:198
ANSWERED ON:01.12.2000
AMENDMENTS IN PRICE CONTROL ORDER
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to amend Price Control Order for the introduction of Price Control Mechanism and to maintain a healthy ratio between demand and supply of various consumer products;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to appoint an Expert Committee to study the mechanism of price control and ratio between demand and supply in order to control the prices of essential commodities in the market ; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN)

(a) to (c) : A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTIION NO. 198 (PRIORITY N FOR ANSWER ON 1.12.2000.

(a): Ministry of Commerce and Industry do not administer any Price Control Order for the consumer products like paper, cement, salt etc. Therefore, the question of amending the Price Control Order does not arise.

(b) and (c): There is no proposal with the Ministry of Commerce and Industry for introduction of any price control mechanism for essential commodities nor to appoint any Expert Committee to study the mechanism of price control and ratio between demand and supply in order to control the prices of essential commodities in the market. Except the administered prices of certain esential commodities, the prices of other commodities are determined by the inter play of the market forces.